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### Air Division at Graf Ignatiev

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1. The Air Division at Graf Ignatiev is composed of the following four regiments:

- a. One regiment at Graf Ignatiev Airfield;    
  this regiment was the largest and had more squadrons than any other regiment; the regiment is equipped with the following planes:
- (1) An unidentified number of MIGs;
  - (2) An unidentified number of propeller driven reconnaissance planes of Soviet manufacture called "Lazovs"; and
  - (3) An unidentified number of light bombers;
- b. One regiment at Krumovo Airfield, which is a reconnaissance regiment only and is equipped with an unidentified number of "Lazovs" planes; no other details are known to informant;
- c. One interceptor (iztrebitelen) regiment at Uzundzhovo Airfield, whose primary duty is the defense of Dimitrovgrad; the podelenie number of the Uzundzhovo air regiment is 25760, and the podelenie number of the guard unit (aerodromno okhranyavane i obezpechavane) is 25980; and
- d. One regiment at Bezmer equipped with MIGs (Spark type); there is a school for jet pilots there, but it is unknown if this school is only for the field or the entire country.

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Uzundzhovo Airfield

2. The regiment at Uzundzhovo Airfield is equipped with 28 FALCONS, four of which were called "Sparki" with two guns and operated by a crew of two. The other FALCONS were operated by one man and had three guns.
3. The regiment had two training MIGs called "Babi" (grandmothers) which were much smaller than the regular MIGs and had less powerful engines.
4. During the daytime there are always two planes on the ready line. At night, no planes are kept on the ready line and all are housed in "Buksi" (possibly "Buksi" /stall or box/), which are hangars of elliptical earthen walls five meters high with a 30 x 30 meter floor space inside. Each hangar houses three planes. All planes are kept in fighting shape at all times and are kept fully armed and fueled, including those in the "Buksi."
5. The planes always fly in pairs. They are fully loaded with fuel, which amounts to 1,800 liters of kerosene. The only person allowed to fly alone was the commander, Major Vulkov (fnu), of the regiment.
6. There were no underground hangars or permanent type hangars above ground at the airfield. 25X1  
All planes at the field were housed in "Buksi", which were dispersed around the area off the taxi strips in a checkerboard fashion. The area of the taxi strips was called "stoyankata." The runway of the airfield is 2,800 meters long.
7. There is a pilot for every plane. 25X1  
The regiment is composed of approximately 80 officers and 300 enlisted men.
8. Two planes can take off from the field at the same time with a time lag of between 10 and 20 seconds between planes.
9. The regiment has three squadrons. The first squadron has 12 planes, and the second and third squadrons have eight planes each. At no time is there more than one squadron in the air.
10. There are two radar locators on the field and they are alleged to be able to pick up planes as far away as Crete, Greece. There were three radio trucks which were used to direct plane flights. Usually only two trucks are on duty at any given time.

Balchik Airfield

11. In April 1955, it was rumored 25X1  
that the Balchik Airfield, which is for MIGs, would be turned over to the Soviets and run entirely by Soviet personnel.
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